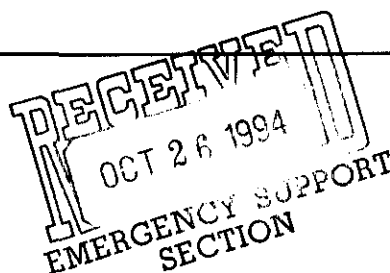




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October 21, 1994

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Re: Conservation Chemical Company of Illinois, Inc. ("CCCI")
Gary, Indiana Site

Dear Ms. Beasley:

A. B. Dick Company (the "Company") acknowledges receipt of Mr. Richard Karl's letter of September 28, 1994 describing the actions proposed by the EPA at the CCCI site in Gary, Indiana (the "Site").

Please accept this letter as confirmation of the Company's intention to fully investigate the assertions made in Mr. Karl's letter that certain activities of the Company have contributed to the present conditions at the Site. Should we determine that the Company has, in fact, been involved in the transport, treatment or disposal of hazardous substances at the Site, it is our intention to cooperate with the other Potentially Responsible Parties in an effort to develop and implement a remediation plan for the Site and to undertake any other actions which may be necessary in connection therewith.

Yours very truly,

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